Supreme Court Decisions And Women's Rights
Synopsis

From the Romantic Paternalism of the 19th century to Roe v. Wade and the panoply of hot-button women's issues before the Supreme Court in our age, "Supreme Court Decisions and Women’s Rights" limns the cases, the ideas, and the people who have blazed the trail to equality.

Co-published by CQ Press and the Supreme Court Historical Society, "Supreme Court Decisions and Women’s Rights" is the first authoritative, illustrated guide to make Supreme Court cases and issues involving women’s rights and gender understandable and accessible to a wide audience.

High school students will find a lively, easy-to-read account that makes complex legal and constitutional issues comprehensible. Academics and interested readers in a host of disciplines will find the book a perfect introduction to the topic, and a valuable tool for directing further research.

More than 110 photos, cartoons, and other illustrative material, many of which have never been published, round out the visual presentation of this unique new reference work and enrich the historical context for the cases presented. Starting in the post-Civil War era, this book discusses the concept of Romantic Paternalism and how this belief that the law should provide extra protections to women because they are weaker and gentler than men began to be tested. Readers will find the full story of Susan B. Anthony and the quest for suffrage, but they’ll also find the cases that set the stage for the movement ...and the cases and movements that continue to this day as a result of it.

"Supreme Court Decisions and Women’s Rights" is organized chronologically and by topic for easy research. The more than 75 cases cover all the important issues and movements regarding the Supreme Court and women's rights from the earliest days to the present. Here are just a few examples: Bradwell v. Illinois (1873) - women being barred from practicing law; Muller v. Oregon (1908) - regarding the 10-hour working day; Goesart v. Cleary (1948) - are women allowed to be bartenders? Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld (1975) - a father sues for the right to stay home; Kirchberg v. Fienstra (1981) - husband as 'head and master' of household'; and, Maher v. Roe (1977) - is abortion funding constitutional? Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins (1989) - not woman enough to make partner? "Supreme Court Decisions and Women’s Rights" also covers: The 'First Ladies' of the Supreme Court; The first female law clerks; and, Women in key positions at the Court. It includes profiles of the first female justices: Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg. It includes cases that cover: Bradwell v. Illinois (1873); The Slaughterhouse Cases (1873); Minor v. Happersett (1875); Strauder v. West Virginia (1880); Muller v. Oregon, (1908); Adkins v. Children’s Hospital (1923); West Coast Hotel Co. v. Parrish (1937); Ballard v. United States (1946); Goesaert v. Cleary (1948); Hoyt v. Florida (1961); Griswold v. Connecticut (1965); Phillips v. Martin Marietta Corp. (1971); Reed v. Reed (1971); Eisenstadt v. Baird (1972); Doe v. Bolton (1973); Frontiero v.

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